

6 a power cord having a first end affixed to at least one of said upper portion and  
7 said base unit, and a second end adapted for connecting to an electrical power source;  
8 electrical conductors extending between said first end of said power cord and said  
9 motor and fan assembly, said electrical conductors defining an electrical power circuit  
10 to said motor;

11 a thermal cutoff assembly including a temperature sensor disposed proximate to  
12 said motor for measuring the temperature of said motor, said thermal cutoff assembly  
13 further including a switching element in electrical association with said electrical  
14 conductors, wherein upon said temperature sensor sensing a temperature greater than a  
15 predetermined temperature setpoint, said switching element opens said electrical power  
16 circuit.

17 30. (new) The vacuum cleaner of claim 9, wherein the motor will not restart until  
18 the temperature sensor senses a temperature less than the predetermined temperature  
19 setpoint and the electrical power circuit is disconnected and reconnected.)

Respectfully submitted,

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